



Basic Cal Grant requirements

All Cal Grant applicants must:

- Be California residents
- Be U.S. citizens or eligible non-citizens
- Meet U.S. Selective Service requirements
- Attend a qualifying college, university or job training school
- Be enrolled at least half-time
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined at your school
- Have family income and assets below the ceilings
- Not be in default on any student loan
- Not owe any federal or state grant refund

To obtain a FAFSA, contact the California Student Aid Commission or the financial aid office of any college, university or job training school you want to attend.

Here's what you can get

Cal Grant Entitlement Award

To receive this award, all you need to do is get your GED, show that you have financial need by filling out a FAFSA, and meet some basic requirements. See the Basic Cal Grant Requirements for details.

Some awards provide up to \$1,551 for books and living expenses for your first year at a California Community College (CCC), California State University (CSU) or University of California (UC) campus. For example, combined with other campus-based financial aid, you can pay for most of your expenses at a CCC. Beginning with your second year, these awards also help pay for your tuition and fees at public or private four-year colleges or other job training schools.

Other awards will pay for your full fees at a CSU or UC campus, or pay for part of your tuition or fees at private California colleges and universities.

Cal Grant C Award

If you are interested in job training or getting an occupational certificate, a Cal Grant C award can help get you there. Cal Grant C awards will pay for your tuition, fees and training. You can get up to \$576, free, for the things you'll need. If you're thinking about going to a school other than a California Community College, you may also get up to \$2,592! To get this money, you need to meet some basic requirements and be enrolled in a program that is at least four months long.

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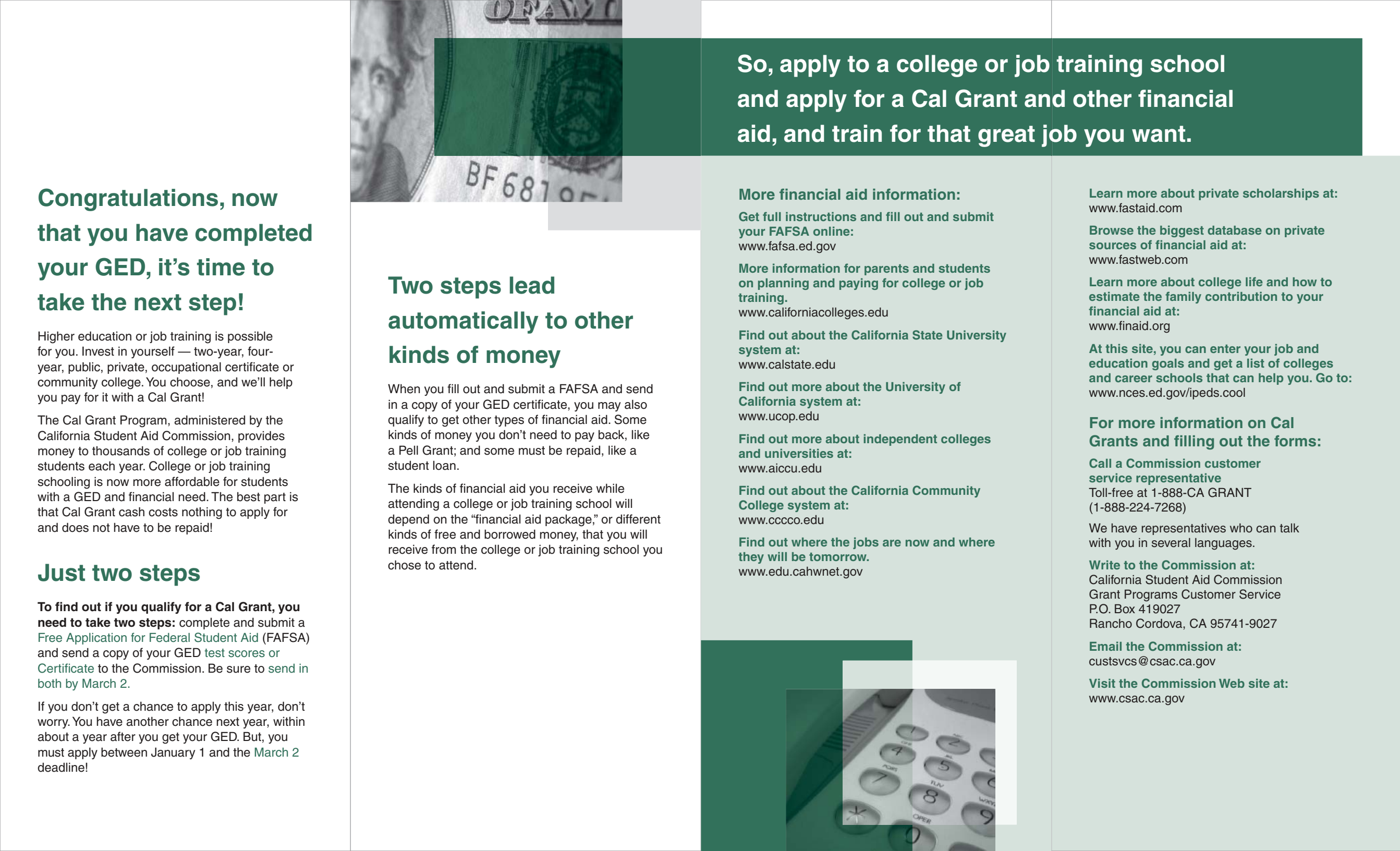
**Your GED can
open the door to
higher education...**

**A Cal Grant can
help you get there.**



**Money for college
is available to
those who apply
and qualify.**





Congratulations, now that you have completed your GED, it's time to take the next step!

Higher education or job training is possible for you. Invest in yourself — two-year, four-year, public, private, occupational certificate or community college. You choose, and we'll help you pay for it with a Cal Grant!

The Cal Grant Program, administered by the California Student Aid Commission, provides money to thousands of college or job training students each year. College or job training schooling is now more affordable for students with a GED and financial need. The best part is that Cal Grant cash costs nothing to apply for and does not have to be repaid!

Just two steps

To find out if you qualify for a Cal Grant, you need to take two steps: complete and submit a [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) and send a copy of your GED test scores or [Certificate](#) to the Commission. Be sure to [send in both by March 2](#).

If you don't get a chance to apply this year, don't worry. You have another chance next year, within about a year after you get your GED. But, you must apply between January 1 and the [March 2](#) deadline!

Two steps lead automatically to other kinds of money

When you fill out and submit a FAFSA and send in a copy of your GED certificate, you may also qualify to get other types of financial aid. Some kinds of money you don't need to pay back, like a Pell Grant; and some must be repaid, like a student loan.

The kinds of financial aid you receive while attending a college or job training school will depend on the "financial aid package," or different kinds of free and borrowed money, that you will receive from the college or job training school you chose to attend.

So, apply to a college or job training school and apply for a Cal Grant and other financial aid, and train for that great job you want.

More financial aid information:

Get full instructions and fill out and submit your FAFSA online:
www.fafsa.ed.gov

More information for parents and students on planning and paying for college or job training.
www.californiacolleges.edu

Find out about the California State University system at:
www.calstate.edu

Find out more about the University of California system at:
www.ucop.edu

Find out more about independent colleges and universities at:
www.aiccu.edu

Find out about the California Community College system at:
www.cccco.edu

Find out where the jobs are now and where they will be tomorrow.
www.edu.cahwnet.gov

Learn more about private scholarships at:
www.fastaid.com

Browse the biggest database on private sources of financial aid at:
www.fastweb.com

Learn more about college life and how to estimate the family contribution to your financial aid at:
www.finaid.org

At this site, you can enter your job and education goals and get a list of colleges and career schools that can help you. Go to:
www.nces.ed.gov/ipeds.cool

For more information on Cal Grants and filling out the forms:

Call a Commission customer service representative
Toll-free at 1-888-CA GRANT
(1-888-224-7268)

We have representatives who can talk with you in several languages.

Write to the Commission at:
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Visit the Commission Web site at:
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